Upcoming Events

4/21/2014
» Cheer Tryout Clinic

4/22/2014
» 1st period
7:45-10:45
STAR Testing

4/23/2014
» 2nd per
7:45-10:45
STAR Testing

4/24/2014
» 3rd per
7:45-10:45
STAR Testing

4/25/2014
» 4th per
7:45-10:45
STAR Testing
» Cheer Tryout Clinic

4/28/2014
» 5th per
7:45-10:45
STAR Testing

4/30/2014
» Open House/World’s Fair/International Night
» 6th period Passport Assembly
» MINIMUM DAY

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Principal’s Message

Mira Loma is a hub of activity. League play has begun for all spring sports and over 400 student-athletes are working hard and representing Mira Loma with pride and enthusiasm. At the writing of this communication, we are preparing for our 30th annual Sports-a-Rama competition scheduled for April 4th. This event promises to be an exciting, fun-filled evening. This year, food trucks have been added to bring even more fun to the evening.

Our academic competition teams are competing well. The Science Bowl team qualified for the national competition to be held later this month in Washington D.C. and our Science Olympiad team competes April 12th in Turlock.

Fifty Mira Loma Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) members participated in the Regional FBLA competition in March. In addition to students placing in individual areas, Mira Loma won the Sweepstakes again this year! Congratulations to all the FBLA team members!

This past weekend the Mira Loma High School Speech and Debate Team competed against other teams from Northern California at Ponderosa High School in the 2014 Capitol Valley National Forensics League District Tournament. The Mira Loma Team had the most points and was awarded the 2014 Speech Events Sweepstakes Trophy. In addition, several Matadors qualified to compete in the 2014 NFL National Tournament to be held in June in Kansas City, Kansas.

Matador Personal Finance Challenge Team members Naomi Fuad, May Nguyen, and Alexa Phillips have earned the right to represent Mira Loma at the state championship this Friday at the Federal Reserve Bank in Los Angeles. They outperformed hundreds of other teams within California to make it to the State Finals!

Congratulations to the Dance Team for their 1st place in the USA Dance Nationals earlier last month! The team has now won three national titles in the last five years!
STAR and Smarter Balance tests will be administered in April and May. All students, grades 9-12, will be on campus during the testing sessions. We will be on a modified testing schedule that can be found on the school web site. The tests are a great opportunity for our students to show what they know. The results of the tests provide us with important data upon which to base curricular decisions. The more accurate the results the better decisions we can make. Also, the new Smarter Balance test will help to shape testing in the future.

In March counselors visited students in their English classes to explain graduation and college entrance requirements and to answer student questions. Please review their course selections and if you have any questions contact your child’s counselor. In addition, by the time you read this, close to 400 incoming freshmen will have been registered for fall classes.

Please keep in mind that seniors are required to pass the California High School Exit Exam in order to graduate. The March test was the last time students could take the test and still receive their results in time to participate in our graduation ceremony in June. We should have the results for the March test in early May. If you have any questions regarding your students standing with regard to the CaHSEE, contact your child's counselor or vice principal.

For parents of seniors the end is near. This is an exciting time for students and it is important that they stay focused through the end of the year. I don't want anyone to miss out on any of the terrific senior events scheduled for this spring. Graduation is scheduled for June 4th at 3p.m. at the Memorial Auditorium. A great deal of planning is going in to this event to ensure it is a ceremony befitting the students and community of Mira Loma High School. Many other events are scheduled for seniors during the next few weeks including senior picnic, senior rally and slide show and senior awards night. Also our parents are working hard on this year's Grad Night. Please encourage your child to attend. It is a safe and fun way for a student to spend one last time with all their classmates. You can find a complete listing of end-of-year events and dates on the Mira Loma website.

Sincerely,

Rich Nichols
Principal,
Mira Loma High School
IBPO Monthly Letter to Our Community:
Get involved, be connected...
It's your student and their future

Presidents: Melissa Marsh and Dominique Patrick

1) Up and coming IB-related events were itemized and discussed.
   a. TOK over two years: The English teachers have been trained and the curricular changes are to be put in place by next fall
   b. Exam Proctors Needed: IB testing is coming up! We need parents to volunteer as IB exam proctors
   c. Personal Project: Last Friday Mr. Sullivan met with 235 9th graders to discuss the new Personal Project for the next year. The first proposal deadline is Friday May 2nd.
   d. World’s Faire is Wednesday, April 30th (period 1 - 6) in the Quad and parents are invited to attend.
   e. MYP Presentations and Awards Night is Monday, May 12th in the Library, Quad, and Cafeteria.

2) Treasurer’s Report:
We still have a lot of up and coming bills to pay and a pile full of new requests from counseling and from teachers. These requests directly affect your student. Sometimes a request is a classroom tool or need. Sometimes it is the cost of a training that puts the Mira Loma IB teachers in a category of more knowledge and therefore more effective. Sometimes the request is as simple as ink for the art department, ink that cannot be replaced without our help, art that cannot be created.
*If you have not sent in your check this year. If you have not helped financially, then please consider writing a check today. There is not a minimum amount. It can
be the amount of which you are comfortable. Feel free to communicate with us regarding any questions you have in this matter.

3) Committee Reports:
1) Test proctoring committee
   1) Exam Proctors Needed: IB testing is coming up! We need parents to volunteer as IB exam proctors.
   2) AP proctors are also needed

Please consider joining us at our final 2013/2014 IBPO meeting. It will be on Tuesday, May 13th at 7pm. We will be announcing the 2013/2014 committee chairs, voting on some funding requests, and closing some 2013 details.

We would love to meet you, so please join us.

MatMatters Newsletter Editor, Sonali Gupta
PTSA Newsletter

WANTED!

(Needed)

Mira Loma PTSA is in need of new Board Members and volunteers - no experience necessary, just the willingness to help. Are you one of those people who would help out with a project, or be a Board Member if only someone would ask? Well, PTSA is asking - we need you, and we need your help!

PTSA’s has several Board Members that will be leaving with the graduating class and we desperately need replacements to keep PTSA alive. The following are Board positions that are available for the 2014/15 school year.

- Executive Vice President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Recording Secretary

PTSA serves all the students of Mira Loma High School and is in charge of hosting Grad Night every year. The commitment can be big, little, or somewhere in-between - the choice is yours, but EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS. I encourage you to get involved - at any level!

Please contact Sheelah Eulberg at seulberg@surewest.net or (916) 359-7608 if you have any questions, or you would like to be placed on the May PTSA ballot for a Board position.

Please refer to the ML PTSA link to find out more about what we do [http://www.sanjuan.edu/MiraLoma.cfm?subpage=66367](http://www.sanjuan.edu/MiraLoma.cfm?subpage=66367)
IBMYP SPRING NEWS

1. **Wednesday- April 30th- Worlds Faire-QUAD -Periods 1-5 only.** Over 235 MYP Sophomores are presenting the Worlds Faire in the Quad. Over 6 MYP Subjects are covered in this brand new presentation. Parents are encouraged to come out during the day to watch the presentations.

2. **Monday- May 12th- MYP Presentations/Awards Night(Sophomores)**- The MYP Personal Project Showcase and the MYP Certification Awards are schedule for this night
   a. 5:45pm-7:00pm- MYP Personal Project Showcase- Quad, Library, B-wing, Cafeteria
   b. 7:15pm-8:30pm- MYP Certification/Personal Project Awards-Cafeteria - Please join us for the Awards Ceremony and refreshments afterwards.

Tim Sullivan and Jeannine Hall

IBMYP Coordinators
Textbook Returns

May is almost here and special activities are coming up, including Junior Prom and Senior Ball. Many students have Overdue, Lost or Damaged books. These books need to be returned and/or replaced. If students have Overdue, Lost or Damaged books that have not been returned or replaced, students will not be able to buy Junior Prom or Senior Ball tickets.

June is approaching very quickly, and with the excitement of the “end-of-school” it’s easy to forget about TEXTBOOKS & LIBRARY BOOKS. Please remind students that ALL textbooks & library books checked out to them need to be returned to the Textbook Room and the Library before leaving for the summer.

Seniors who have not completed their “checkout” including making sure their textbooks and library books are returned, will encounter the possibility of not “walking” with their class to receive their hard earned diplomas. In addition, returning student’s will not be able to pick up their class schedules in August until ALL textbooks are returned or replaced.

In May the Textbook room will have extended hours posted, and announced in the daily bulletin for book returns. Please bring books from home, check for books left in classrooms, backpacks and anywhere else you might have placed your books. We appreciate parents and students help getting books returned, and all look forward to a smooth end of year. Thank you.

Summer Textbooks

Because the district and our school are concerned about the replacement cost of textbooks, textbooks will not be available for check out over the summer except to students who are enrolled in a San Juan Unified School District Independent Study class. Those students are to bring the letter they receive at home indicating that they are enrolled in the class to Ms. Largaespada, the textbook clerk, in room E-15 who will then check out the book to the student. The student will need to return the textbook on or before schedule pick-up in August or will not be allowed to get their schedule early.
Ms. Largaespada will provide the ISBN (International Standard Book Number) to parents and students who wish to buy books online (Amazon.com has amazing, low prices).

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